



**Transforming
Sustainable
Agriculture**

Our vision is to assist the region in continuing the transformation from industrialized farming to sustainable, innovative micro-agricultural enterprises that offer both career opportunities for individuals and families, as well as pathways to viable urban and rural food resourcing. We will continue a legacy of responsiveness to the land in McHenry County with a renewed focus on the opportunities and challenges facing the third-largest metropolitan region in the United States. We offer training and degree pathways that will inspire the next generation of farmers, entrepreneurs, and scientists in this new agricultural economy.

- - Dr. Clinton Gabbard, President, McHenry County College



4 Broad Objectives

- Environmental Scan
- Curriculum development
- Facilities upgrade
- Community and partnership building



Environmental Scan

- Director position
- Formal and informal meetings
 - Farmers
 - Farmer Markets
 - Community Agencies
- Key findings

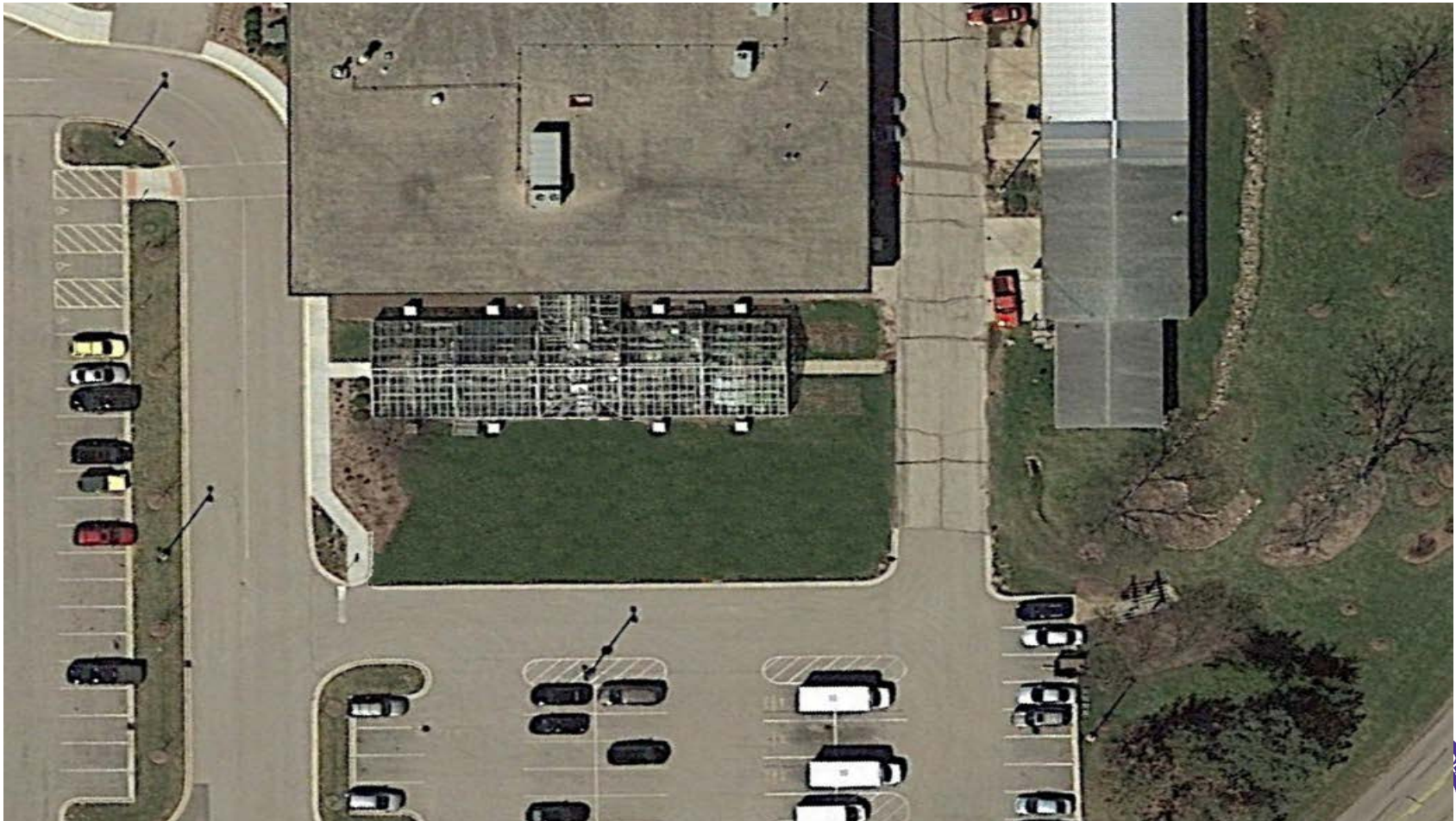


Curriculum Development

- Urban Ag Certificate program
- Local Food Culinary focus
- Entrepreneurship focus
- Other areas that arise out of scan



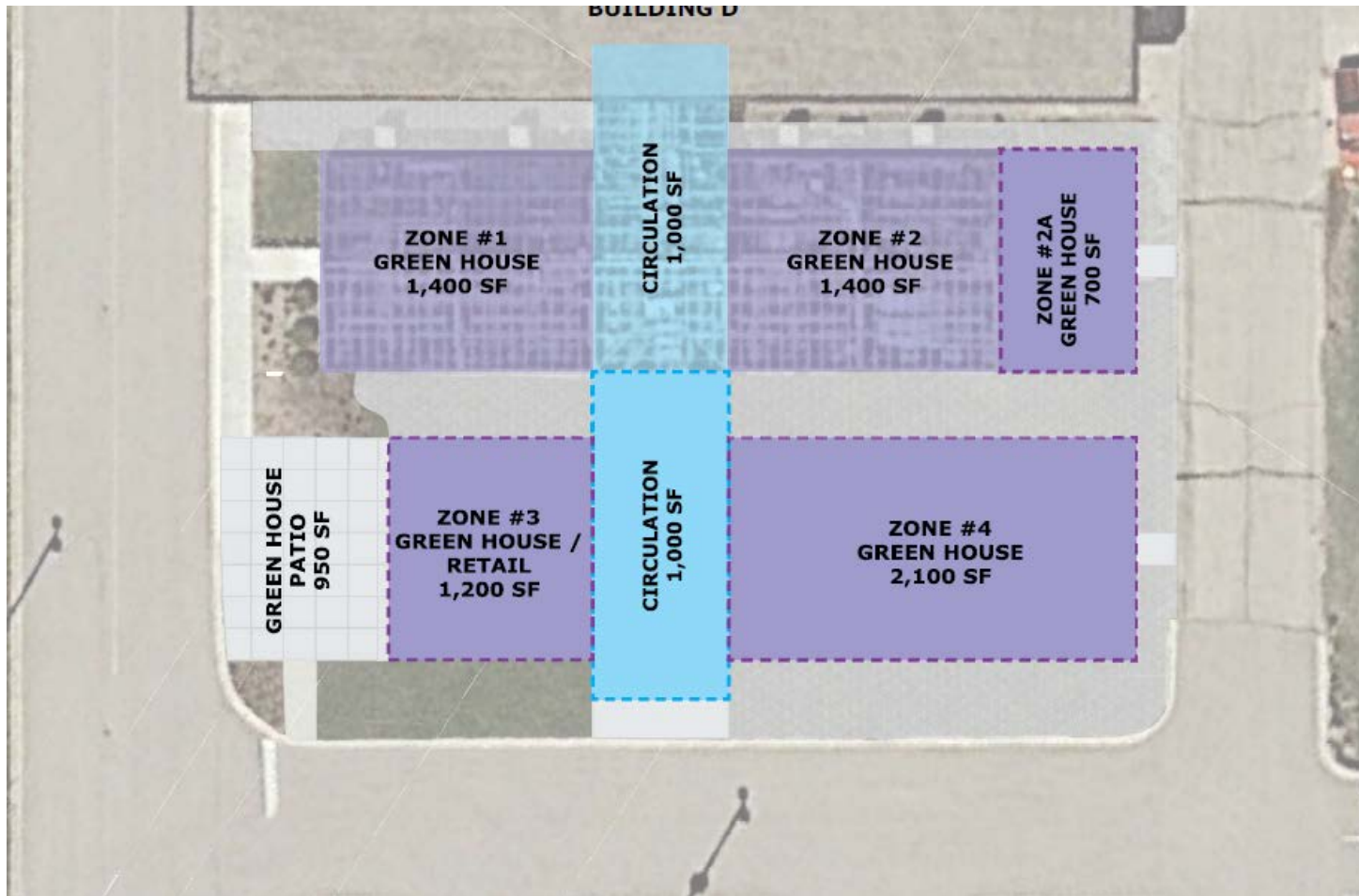
Current Greenhouse



Additional Greenhouse Space



Additional Teaching Space



Community and Partnership Development

- Loyola University Soil Project
 - Carbon Farming Demonstration/Research Project
- Build on existing partnerships
 - UI Extension
 - McHenry County Conservation District
- Create new partnerships that emerge from scan



Budget

Grant Dollars	\$500,000
College Contribution (Fund 03 and 01)	\$300,000
Total Project	\$800,000
Expenses	
Salaries and Benefits	\$150,000
Facilities and Equipment	\$650,000
Total Expenses	\$800,000

